

REMARKS

In the outstanding office action, claims 1-24 were presented for examination. Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-13 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 19. Claims 17, 18, 20, and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of United States Patent No. 6,852,216 issued to Moscaritolo et al. Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moscaritolo et al.

Concerning the rejection of claim 17, the same has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 19. Accordingly, claim 17 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 18 and 20-24 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 17. Therefore, claims 18 and 20-24 are also believed to be in a condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as claim 17 in addition to including additional limitations.

In view of the above amendments and the discussion relating thereto, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is most earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130, maintained by the applicant's attorney.

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